

CHEADLE AND GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEARS 1940, 1941 & 1942.

11th May, 1944.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present a report for the years 1940, 1941 and 1942. These reports are purely interim and confined to matters on which it seems desirable to comment, in accordance with the circulars of the Ministry of Health.

During the three years under review there was no outstanding epidemic beyond that of measles, and that was of mild type. There is no evidence of deterioration in the health of the community.

Fuller particulars are given here-with of the three years.

1940.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES notified during the year were:-

Diphtheria	31	Puerperal Pyrexia	- 2
Scarlet Fever	17	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	- 2
Enteric Fever	2	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	- 2
Pneumonia	18	Measles	- 621
Erysipelas	4	Whooping Cough	- 85
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	Tuberculosis (Primary)	- 19
TOTAL: 804.			

This was the first complete year in which Measles and Whooping Cough were notifiable.

The measles epidemic was very mild in type and there were no deaths from this disease. The use of placental extract in prophylaxis was considered but only one request from a practitioner was received.

16 of the 31 cases of diphtheria were aged over 15 years and 5 of the fifteen cases under 15 years were in one house. Not one of the cases among which there were 4 deaths had been immunised.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Completed Immunisation:
Under 5 years of age: 179
Over 5 and under 15 years: 93
Total under 15 years of age: 272

MILK:

A new pasteurising plant in the district was licensed.

MEAT SUPPLY:

The paucity of inspection of the meat at the central slaughter-house (not in this district) resulted in much meat being condemned on delivery and arrangements were made for this to be rectified by a rota of inspectors.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

The need for facilities for maternity cases continued to be felt. The Welfare Centres were closed after the commencement of air-raiding until shelters could be provided.

1941.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES notified during the year:

Diphtheria	.. 20	Puerperal Pyrexia	- 1
Scarlet Fever	- 22	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	- 1
Enteric Fever	- 4	Cerebro Spinal Fever	- 8
Pneumonia	- 19	Measles	- 260
Erysipelas	- 2	Whooping Cough	- 80
Tuberculosis (Primary) 21			
TOTAL: 438			

Nine of the cases of diphtheria were aged over 15. Only two cases had been immunised.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Completed Immunisation
Under 5 years of age: 616
Over 5 and under 15 years: 1062
Total under 15 years: 1678

ENTERIC FEVER IMMUNISATION:

This was offered to the Civil Defence Services but only a small number of personnel were thus dealt with.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

The centres were reopened during the year.

1942.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES notified during the year.

Diphtheria	- 22	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	- 2
Scarlet Fever	- 94	Acute Encephalitis Lethargia	- 1
Pneumonia	- 22	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	- 4
Erysipelas	- 6	Measles	- 269
Opthalmia Neonatorum	- 1	Whooping Cough	- 11
Puerperal Pyrexia	- 6	Tuberculosis (Primary)	- 19
TOTAL: 457.			

Nine of the cases of diphtheria were aged over 15 years. Three cases had been immunised.

43 of the cases of scarlet fever occurred in the Gatley Ward during the months of July, August and September, mainly among children at Hawthorn Road School. A child with ear discharge was found, which discharge contained haemolytic streptococci type A, but the history did not suggest that he originated the epidemic which was part of a general increase of scarlet fever in the area. In investigating these cases one was struck by the frequency of the history of sore throat among contacts, these cases of sore throat preceding the case of scarlet fever.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Completed Immunisation.
Under 5 years of age: 491
Over 5 and under 15: 224
Total under 15 years: 715

On December 31st a survey of all the children believed to be in the district showed that 73% were known to have been immunised either according to our records or on the statement of the parent. Those of whom we had no knowledge amounted to 10%.

MEAT SUPPLY:

After representations regarding the conditions at the central slaughter house, the meat for this district was allocated from the Manchester Abattoirs in place of the Stockport slaughter house.

There are no other matters that I consider require comment at this time. Attached to this report is the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

I would also take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the help given me by the Clerk to the Council and the Senior Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hayes. I have also to thank all members of the Council for the encouragement they have given me in public health work connected with the district.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D.G.ANDERSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

CHEADLE AND GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEARS 1940, 1941 and 1942.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I set out herewith the statement of work done during the above years.

The work of refuse and salvage management was carried out until May 1942, when a separate department was set up to deal with the matter in its entirety, being under the management of a new designated officer.

In 1941 an agreed scheme for meat inspection at the Ministry of Food's slaughter house in Stockport, which was used for the slaughter of animals for food for distribution in this area and adjoining areas was commenced, this remained in operation until early 1942, when the district's meat allocation was transferred to the Manchester Abattoirs.

Nature of Inspection.	YEARS.		
	1940.	1941.	1942.
House Inspections	405	322	391
Verminous Houses	26	64	37
Factory & Workshops	56	78	49
Slaughter Houses	8	72	16
Bakehouses	15	23	35
Farms, Dairies, etc.	39	47	187
Schools	19	33	16
Infectious Diseases	111	83	156
Shops & Food Premises	177	385	336
Miscellaneous	116	212	287
Drainage	152	126	190
Caravans	8	3	5
Condemned Food			
Meat	740 lbs.	6828 lbs.	3337 lbs.
Fish		142½ lbs.	112 lbs.
Tinned Goods		37 tins	507 tins

	1940.	1941.	1942.
Informal Notices Served	16	57	127
Notices Complied with	16	57	127

No Statutory Notices were served in any of the years.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

T. HAYES.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

